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Being a further Relation (in brief) of the Cruel *Havock* and *Spoil*, made on the *Perſons* and *Eſtates* of the People of God in ſcorn called *Quakers*; For Meeting together to Worſhip God in Spirit and Truth.

ALL which hath been Inflicted on them ſince the late Act againſt Conventicles, which tends to the prejudice and ruin of many Families in their outward Eſtates; and many more may be ruined, if a Stop be not put to the Cruelty of Men: For ſeveral of theſe Spoiles have been made upon the Goods of Widdows, Poor, Aged People, and Fatherleſs Children, in ſeveral Counties; and many are leſt ſo deſolate, their very Beds being taken from under them, that they are fain to Lodge upon Straw: And ſome have had their wearing Apparrel taken from them; and many leſt deſtitute of outward things, having all ſwept away without any Pitty or Mercy: And others have had their Working-Tooles taken from them, wherewith they ſhould have laboured to have got a Maintenance for themſelves and Families: And in ſeveral places no Plea would be accepted on the behalf of the Innocent; ſome ſaying, Right or Wrong they muſt have it; and often times thoſe called Juſtices have bid the Officers take Three or Four times as much as the Fines, that they might allow good Penny-worths: And they have taken the very Kettle (in which Meat was providing for the Family's ſuſtenance) off from the Fire, and have thrown the Meat away into the Street; and have taken away the Children's Apparrel, which they ſhould wear; and have taken the Skillet off the Fire, in which Milk was boiling for the Children, and threw away the Milk.

All theſe, and many more Cruelties, Barbarous and Unchriſtian Carriages and Actions, may be particularly prov'd, if requir'd; as taking away their very Fewel in the midſt of Winter; and not leaving Bed-Clothes, or other Clothes to keep them warm; but many have been fain to lodge on Straw this Winter.

Oh the Sad Crys of the poor Children and Families, that have been, by reaſon of the Diſtreſs, that is brought upon them ſince this laſt Act! Many have laboured hard, it may be, moſt of their dayes, and had got a little outward things, whereby their Children and Families were ſupported, and lived comfortably; and now all is ſwept away, and they and their Families ruined; and ſome have not ſo much as a Cow left to give their Children Milk: And all this is becauſe for Conſcience ſake they cannot forbear Aſſembling together to Worſhip God, and for no other Cauſe: For it is well known we have alwayes lived peaceably ſince we were a People; and there is no cauſe wherefore we ſhould be thus cruelty dealt withal, but for our keeping a good Conſcience towards God, and towards all men.

And we expect the Performance of all the Kings Promiſes to us, for *Liberty* to our tender *Conſciences*; for we have alwayes walked peaceably, and have not forfeited our *Liberty* in any wiſe: And our Cry hath alwayes been, and is at this day, for LIBERTY of CONSCIENCE, to Worſhip God: And it is becauſe we cannot act againſt the pure Principle of God in our Conſciences, that we have ſuffered ſo deeply ever ſince we were a People.

And many Perſons of conſiderable Eſtates, and of good Repute in ſeveral Counties, have had their Eſtates given up to the Wills of a company of Mercileſs Informers, and other debauch'd looſe Perſons; who rejoyce that they have power put into their hands to deſtroy ſober people; and have boaſted that they will inrich themſelves thereby. And thus the Innocent are given up to be a Prey into the hands of unreaſonable Men; ſome having all their Goods, both within doors, and without, ſeized on, and their Cattle drove away, and their Corn threſht out, and all clean ſwept away, and in a few dayes not any thing left to help themſelves and Families; who before were a Succour and Help to many, and ſet many of their poor Neighbours on Work; & thus many poor people are like to be utterly Undone and Ruined in the *Countries*.

Surely theſe things cry aloud in the Ears of the Lord, though men ſtop their Ears, and will not hear the Cry of the Oppreſſed.

Mal. 3. 16. *They that feared the Lord Spake often together, and the Lord heakened, and heard it*: And we deſire you may be of the ſame Mind.

Heb. 10. 25. The Apoſtle ſaith, *Forſake not the Aſſembling of your ſelves together; but Exhort one another, and ſo much the more, as you ſee the day approaching.*

And the Apoſtles and Saints met together in ſeveral Houſes, who forſook the *Jews* Temple and Synagogues.

1 Cor. 16. 19. Acts 28. 30, 31. Paul *Taught in his own hired Houſe at* Rome (where the Seat of the Emperor was) *no man forbidding him.*